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ROLE OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any programme/policy/research/discussions to strengthen the role of women in Agriculture Sector and to increase quality and efficiency therein;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have also made similar efforts in the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance provided for the purpose so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. The following major programmes provide that 30% of budget allocation be earmarked for women beneficiaries:

i) `National Horticulture Mission and Technology Mission for Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal`; and
ii) `Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms`.

The above schemes are being implemented through state implementing agencies.

2. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has also commissioned following studies to promote strengthening of role of women in agriculture:

i) Review and analysis of existing schemes/programmes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation with regard to incidence of benefits and cost of delivery of services for women in agriculture sector;
ii) Development of participatory material production and documentation of success stories of women farmers;
iii) Evaluation and impact assessment of `Central Sector Scheme of Women in Agriculture;
iv) An Analytical study on existing state policies, programmes, intervention and processes and their impact on women`s access to land; and
v) Development of gender sensitization modules for programme implementers at district, sub-division and cutting edge levels. These studies are at different stages of implementation.